

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING **2016-2018**

BETWEEN

THE FLORIDA GREEN BUILDING COALITION



AND THE AMERICAN RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION



WHEREAS, both the FLORIDA GREEN BUILDING COALITION (FGBC) and the AMERICAN RAINWATER CATCHMENT SYSTEMS ASSOCIATION (ARCSA) have committed to the following goals:

- Support and promote affordable, climate-specific and sustaining green building practices
- Recognize that rainwater catchment is a significant aspect of green building
- Recognize that rainwater is a valuable resource that is underutilized. Its collection and use can mitigate potable water supply challenges, and reduce stormwater pollution of surface water bodies.

Therefore, this Memorandum of Understanding is provided to formalize the collaborative relationship between FGBC and ARCSA.

FGBC and ARCSA hereby agree to further the mutual purposes of both organizations, namely:

- A. To advocate the use of FGBC Green Building Standards in Florida, and to avoid any conflicts between the state and national standards;
- B. To advocate the use of ARCSA guidelines and standards for operating and regulating rainwater catchment systems;

- C. To develop resources that educate industry professionals and the public about green building and rainwater catchment systems;
- D. To encourage incentives for builders and developers whose projects are certified under FGBC Standards and who incorporate rainwater harvesting into their projects; and
- E. To promote the professional designations and training programs offered by FGBC and ARCSA.

Further, to implement the goals of and to supplement the resources contributed by the partners, FGBC and ARCSA agree to:

- A. Schedule periodic joint meetings (via conference call or in person) between Boards and/or appropriate committees, when and where possible, to plan and implement the various educational, resource development, policy advocacy, and other elements of the partnership;
- B. Provide, for approval, a draft copy of all documents and promotional materials associated with the partnership;
- C. Provide seminars and meeting materials to advance the goals of this partnership;
- D. Provide recognition on the partner website, including the partner logo and website link; and
- E. Agree to reciprocal complimentary organizational membership, FGBC and ARCSA, not individuals, which will continue for the duration of the MOU.

This Memorandum of Understanding may be terminated by either party hereto without cause by providing at least thirty (30) days prior written notice of termination to the attention of the representatives (or their successors) whose names are subscribed below.

This Memorandum of Understanding will terminate at the end of the 3rd calendar year, December 31, after execution.

Each person signing below attests that they have contractual capacity with their respective organizations.

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